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Huddlestone Heaps Irvine.
What do we know.
The spelling of names changes all the time I have seen the spelling of what my mother thought of as her family name as Irvine shown as Irvin Irving and Irvine there is little consistency. This is partly the reason for having difficulties tracing people. Computers are good but put rubbish in get rubbish out.

We have fairly good results back to 1841 census and Irv. has been able to check local church registers and Library records and taken records back to the early 1800's So this will start at 1810. His research on the Mormon site has taken things back to the mid 17th century. Currently we are trying to find what happened to the siblings of Jane Heaps and their families. We know what happened to some of them up to the 1940's but not all.

Ellenour Huddleston was born in Cark in Cartmell in about 1816 she produced a sampler which showed that the young lady could probably read and write as could her husband James Brockbank as both of them signed the register when they married in 1835. Ellenour and James migrated from the Grange area to Preston a rapidly growing cotton town with major social pressures See note 1 James works as a porter and break man so is in at the early stages of the railway industry. This information is shown in the 1841 and 1851 censuses. The line we have been following has been the Line of Ellenours Daughter Sarah born 1838. Sarah is seen in the 1851 census working as a steam loom weaver she is listed as 12 years old. Sarah Married in 1855 to John Heaps also a steam loom weaver I have pulled her weading certificate she made her mark so probably could not read and write. Her husband John signed so probably could. This was a time when if money was spent on childrens education it was spent on the boys as this would help feed the family.

1861 census James Brockbank is seen to be living in Ulverstone boarding at his brother in Laws he is now working as a Labourer.
Ellenour is seen to be boarding with Sarah her Daughter in Preston with several of her children and Sarahs growing brood she has two daughters Ellen born 1856 and Jane born 1859 and in my belief was at the time of the census pregnant with Mary Ann(Polly) who was born 1861. By 1863 they are living in Barrow in Furness. How do we know Margaret was born in Barrow in 1863. John Jn and Sarah Jn were also born in Barrow.

In the 1871 census we see them all happily living in two houses 44 and 42 Howe street Barrow both James and John are working as Labours there is no detail but at this time the iron works and railway are in rapid growth the availability of Sheet iron and steel make this an ideal spot to open a ship building enterprise which by the 1890s is in rapid growth. I think that James is working on the railway and Irvines research at the library would confirm this though James has a habit of lying about his age and this can make tracking him difficult.(he may just have lost count or never have known.) 1871 James would have been 60 ish John would have been 35 ish.

Between 1871 and 1881 Ellenour Brockbank and Sarah Heaps pass on 1881 James Brockbank remarries Marry Ann Wilson he is listed as a Signal man another railway link The old man is claiming to be 60 he is 70 but he lives on till 1888. when by my calculations he is between 76 and 78. No Pensions in the 1880s remember you work

till you drop and are then looked after by family or go on the poor law in the Work house.

In 1880 Ellen Heaps marries James Cars. also Jane heaps marries Thomas Irvin they are listed as living at 44 Howe st. along with their Dad and sisters Mary Ann , Magaret and Sarah also their little brother John in the 1881 census. The three unmarried girls are listed as Jute workers their brother as a scholar. Jane as Housekeeper and Ellen as a Factory worker. Later in 1881 Mary Ann (Polly) Married Arthur Williams Dad is still listed as a Labourer.

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View Record	Name	Year of Registration	Quarter of Registration	Spouse's Surname	District	County	View Image
View Record	**James Cars**	**1880**	**Jan-Feb-Mar**		Barrow in Furness (1876 Onw)	Cumbria, Lancashire	
	Ellen Heaps	**1880**	**Jan-Feb-Mar**		Barrow in Furness (1876 Onw)	Cumbria, Lancashire	

Irv has made a search and found that young Sarah died 1883 ? TB The housing is very overcrowded. TB is a disease of overcrowding.

The certificates below show the younger heaps girls signing their names along with their friends it also shows several who cannot particularly on Mary Anns which is 10 years earlier.

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18 91. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St Mark's Barrow in the County of Barrow

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
351	May 18	Thomas Thompson	25	Bachelor	Spinning Operative	30 Cavendish St	Robert Thompson (deceased)	Labourer
	18 9	Margaret Heaps	25	Spinster	—	30 Cavendish St	John Heaps (deceased)	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ——— or after Banns by me, C H Mylne (curate)

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Thompson / Margaret Heaps

in the Presence of us, Charles Irvine X / Annie Banks / John Heaps / Sarah Balshaw

18 81. Marriage solemnized at the parish church in the parish of St James Barrow in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
54	[illegible]	[illegible] Williams	20	Bachelor	Moulder	22 Howe St	[illegible] Williams (deceased)	Miller
	18 81	Mary Ann Heaps	0	Spinster	[illegible]	22 Howe St	John Heaps	Labourer

Married in the parish church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by ——— or after Banns by me, H Clement Bethley

This Marriage was solemnized between us, [illegible] Williams / Mary Ann Heaps

in the Presence of us, [illegible] Windham X his mark / Sarah Rutherford X her mark

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I ran a search on Ellen Cars, On the BDM because she seems to have vanished from family memory. I didn't find our Ellen but in sept 1880 I found an Ellen Cars born 1880 died 1880 in Barrow. Is this our Ellen's baby. Just a thought we know our Ellen was still alive at 44 Howe St at census time 1881 James is from Manchester as a Moulder he is probably classed as more skilled than the others and he may be more economically mobile, do they move back to his home town Manchester?

In 1885 Jane has a Daughter Margaret and a son John in 1890. Thomas Jane Margaret and John are listed in the 1891 census living at 13 Vernon St. They are living that night with Isabel Hine and Charlie Irvine listed as boarders Charlie and Thomas are listed as Rolled Iron Labourers Margaret as a scholar .

1n 1891 Margaret Heaps and her brother are listed as lodging with others including a Thomas Thompson in another barrow house later in 1891 Margaret marries Thomas Thompson.
John Heaps sn has vanished from the record.and is listed as deceased on her marriage certificate

In 1901 Jane Thomas, Margaret, John, Thomas Jn and Bessie are still living at 13 Vernon st. John is still a rolled Iron Labourer Jane is listed as a Fish and Potato dealer on her own account eg self employed. Fish and Chip merchant.

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Barrow girls tragic death

Yesterday morning the Ulverstone police received information of the death by burning of Margaret Jane Irvine aged 21 Daughter of Thomas Irvine Labourer 13 Vernon St Barrow. On Monday 3rd inst the deceased who was employed as a domestic servant at Mrs Bowmans of Ford Hall Ulvastone was engaged in the wash house when by some means her clothing caught fire. She ran into the house screaming and Mrs Tetley on rushing down stairs found the deceased lying at the foot her clothing in flames. She immediately wrapped a hearth rug around her extinguishing the fire . Mrs Harnet a neighbour assisted to take of the poor girls clothesand wrapped in a blanket she was put to bed. Dr Carter promptly arrived and found her severely burned about the lower parts of the body and little or no hope of her recovery were entertained She has since been attended by Dr Bowman and Sr Carter and dispite their skill she succumbed to her injuries yesterday morning at 6.30.

There followed a report of the inquest.

What did we know my Mum had three brothers Tom Jack and Gordon These were Jack and Hannah's children

Aunty Bess and Uncle Ike had one Daughter Jean

Uncle Tom had 4 sons Tom Eric Jack and Denis he also had a Daughter Margaret. As teenagers we met Eric in Deal where he was working as a miner in the Kent coal fields. We were on holiday out side Dymchurch on Romney Marsh.

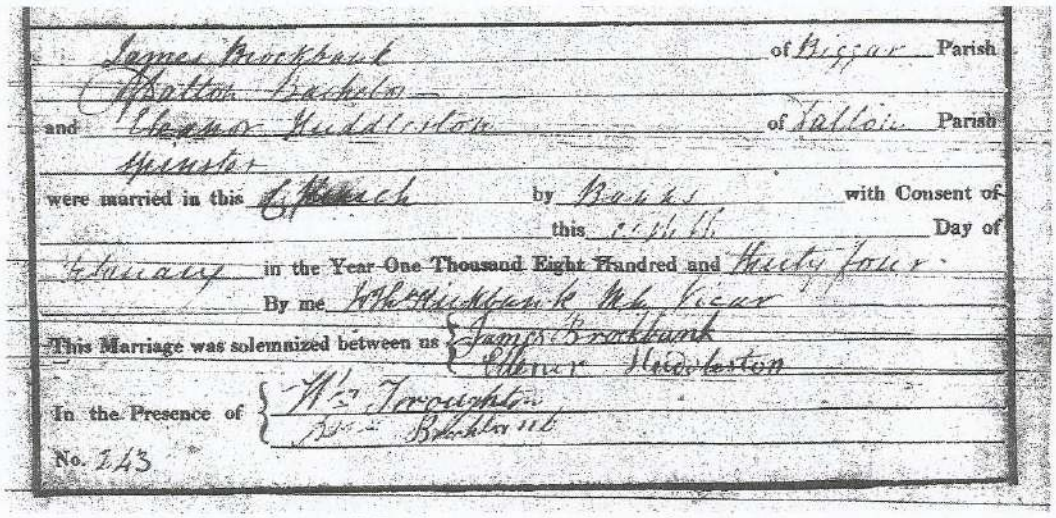
Mags Janes adopted daughter She was Pollys daughter Violets illegitimate Daughter who Jane took in When Polly and Violet were unable to cope. Violet subsequently emigrated to the USA and at a latter date was able to return for a visit at which time Jean met her. Mags visited Mum here in West Horndon in the Late 1960s early 1970s. Though always known as our Mags or Mags her real name was Mirium.

Jane was not a person to give in. When Tommy Had a Stoke and was permanently bed ridden Jane nursed him at home not sending him to the geriatric ward in the work house. Hard before the first world war and she stopped Bess leaving her poorly paid Apprenticeship to go into the Munitions where she could have eared good money

Jean has put me in contact with Irvine Kennedy He is My grand fathers brother Toms Daughter Margarets son she also has a Daughter Joan. Mum must have made quite an impression or was it Granny Jane updated.

Information From Irvine Kennedy
Irvine has sent down some very interesting documents I sent him an earlier copy of this file. I am still trying to Work out the implications of what he has sent down it certainly adds significantly to the back ground and depth of the investigation.

Irvine's documents show Tommy and Jane making their mark on their wedding certificate. This confirms my mums comment that her Grandma couldn't read and write but that she was very intelligent and could do quite advanced arithmetic in her head as quick as wink. I think that she was very embarrassed at not being able to read and write and that her embarrassment has been one of the driving forces of educating the family over the past 100 years plus. Looking back further in Irvines documents you see that people were signing things way back in the early part of the century which was something that I expected with Ellen Huddlestons sampler. That was why Jane preserved it Her Grandma could read and write. She was proud of that.


James Brockbank of Biggar Parish
Thomas Bachelor
and Eleanor Huddleston of Tallow Parish
Spinster
were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this Eighth Day of
January in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty four
By me W. Hutchinson Ma Vicar
This Marriage was solemnized between us { James Brockbank
Eleanor Huddleston
In the Presence of { W. Trowington
Thos Bachelor
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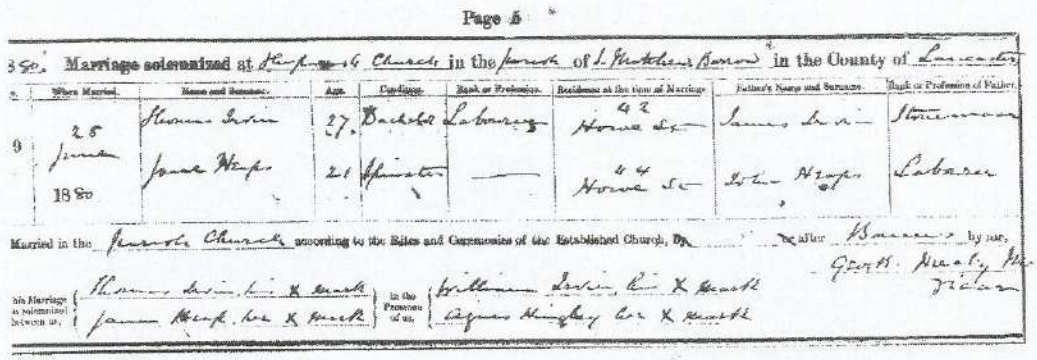
This is proved by Ellen and James entry in the register.



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350. Marriage solemnized at St Luke's Church in the Parish of St Matthew Barrow in the County of Lancaster

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
9	25 June 1880	Thomas Irvin	27	Bachelor	Labourer	42 Hornsea St	James Irvin	Stonemason
		Jane Hoyle	21	Spinster	—	44 Hornsea St	John Hoyle	Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Banns after Banns by me, George Healy, Vicar

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Irvin his X mark, Jane Hoyle her X mark. In the Presence of us, William Irvin his X mark, Agnes Hingley her X mark

Jane and Thomas made their mark 60 years on

Jane born 1859 would have been 11 or 12 by the time the education of the people act was passed in 1870 so she could have missed out on universal education. In the mid 1860's her family moved from Preston back to the Barrow area that would have disrupted any other education available and at that age she may have had to work to help support her self. Her mother had been working as a steam loom weaver at 12 years old. Taking into account the Lancashire cotton famine impacting on available work no money for schooling for children what you had was used to feed them. When she was financially unable to send Mags to Grammar School and Bess Had to prove they had taught her all they could she must have thought its all happening again I wonder how many tears were shed over that quietly at night. It fully explains why Bess was not allowed to terminate her apprenticeship to go into the munitions.

A Local history produced by the children of Barrow (our Barrow 111) Shows that though Barrow had schools by 1870 they had only been really active since 1867 and that even then they were struggling with vast numbers of children in each class. Many children were working in contempt of the factories acts even after the 1870 education act dispite the factories inspectors reports that all was well. In those days the factories inspectorates job was to prevent prosecution of employers and there visits were pre warned to the work places they visited.

Very sad an intelligent clever woman embarrassed by a disability that was a failure of the state not of her making.

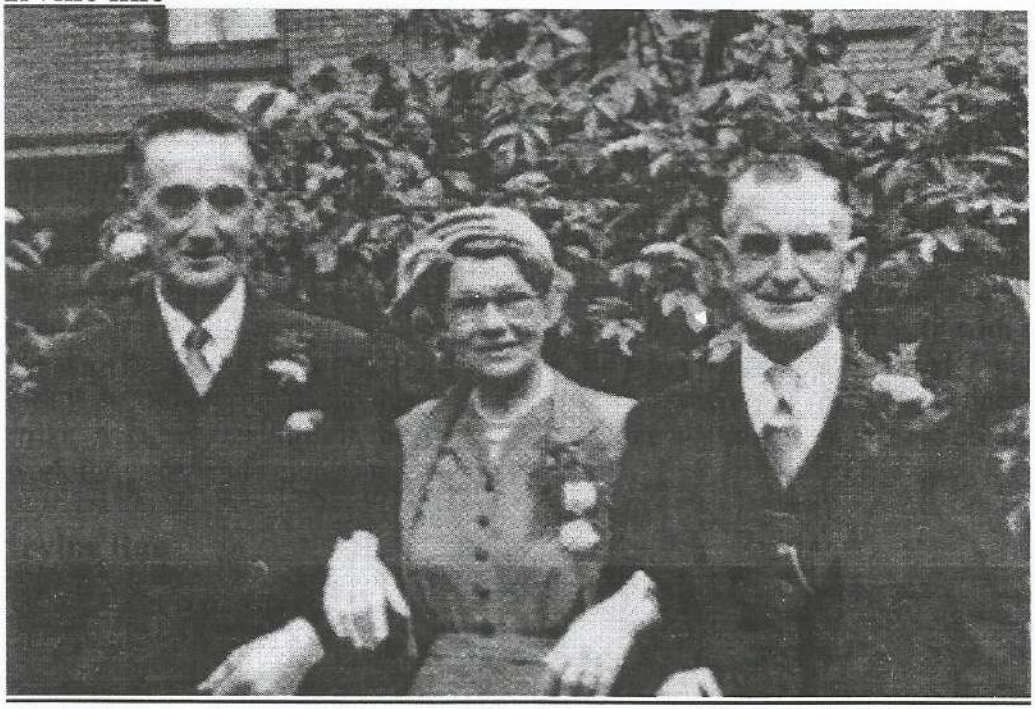
Tommy also couldn't read and write this is also perplexing as the Marriage certificate states that Thomas's Farther James was a stone Mason I do not think you could hold down a Stonemasons job even in the 19th century if you couldn't read and write. It wasn't only Thomas his witness William Irvine also made his mark. Question Who was William?. We Know about Charlie. Was William another brother I checked in the Births deaths and marriages he had died by the mid 1890s so though Margaret may have known him John , Tommy and Bess would not have remembered him.

A further letter from Jean may have a reason for this apparently one of Thomas's Brothers was murdered due to sectarian problems and his Murderer was Hanged. I Jeans comment was that her Great grand ma walked 20 miles to see the hanging. I need to check this one out. May be Thomas William and Charlie Had to move away from Ulster for their own safety in a hurry due to bad feeling. That could also result in a limited education? As Barrow was demonstratably full to the gunnels due to

increasing Industrialisation. The census results for Barrow show this for many years. With many houses having multi occupancy or borders.

Both of these hypothesises also tie in with a period where people were moving to towns and cities and they may not have been keeping up with the need to provide schooling in those places and this may have exasperated poor arrangements for schooling children that functioned in rural areas but failed in the growing towns. The government may have realised that Education was not developing fast enough to enable continuing technical improvement and growth and that this was the real reason for the Education act. It worked we had the technical skills to enable us to survive the first world war..
Between 1850 and 1900 Barrow expanded from a fishing village of a few hundred to 60 or 70 thousand people. The comment was like a Klondike Irv is not sure about that but my impression is that that was about right. A town growing faster than it could cope with. First the Iron works then the Jute mill followed by the Ship Yard with all the associated brick works and other services Railways port facilities etc. After boom bust years of hardship due to there being Strikes else where eg the Durham Miners strike. Accidents and fires in the works eg at the Jute works. Putting masses out of work for years while things are resolved.

Irvine line



Jack Bess and Tom Taken 1954 at Jeans wedding at St Marks Barrow 24thJuly

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I had run several searches on Irvine Barrow this had picked up on several lines to investigate but my knowledge was insufficient to identify which family I was looking at.

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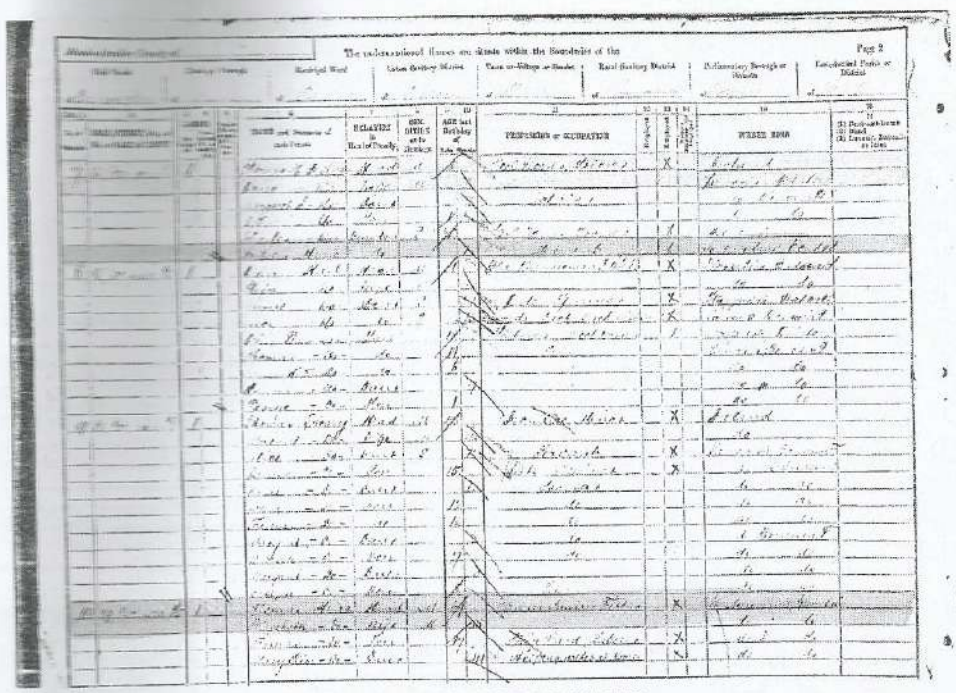
As a result of the information provided by Jean I at last had a Key to identify the house hold as the one at 13 Vernon street I had forgotten aunty Bess'es home address which I knew was the family home.



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1891 census entries.

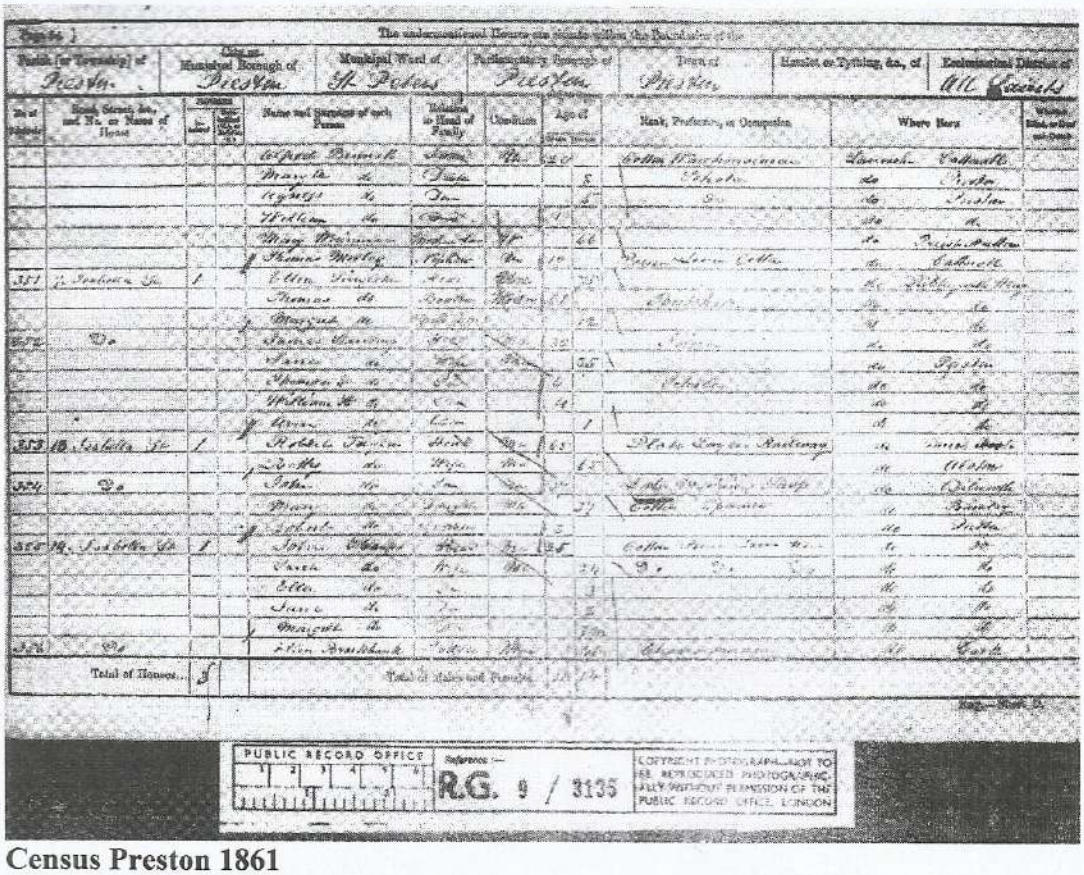
? was this census form filled in by 7 year old Margaret at the insistence of her proud mum and dad. Or was it Isabel borrowed from down the road to help fill the form in? We will never know but one way or another it suggests the cooperation of the people living together in Vernon St..

1891	Thomas	38	rolled iron labourer	born	Ireland
	Jane	34		born	Preston Lancs??
	Margaret	7	scholar	born	Lancs Barrow
	John	1		born	Lancs Barrow
	Charlie	35	Rolled iron Labourer	born	Ireland
	Isabel Hine	17	Servant	born	Westmorland Kendal

Magic This is the Key.

Next search should try to identify where Jane born. Jean says some were near Manchester I cannot read the image I have.

A search on Jane Heap on the 1861 census picked up a family with children Ellen and Jane resident in Preston Yes that's down Manchester way. That fits in with Jeans comments



Census Preston 1861

Jean has a Sampler made by a little girl who was 10 in 1826 so born 1816 Whose name is Huddleston. This little girl would have been 41 when Jane was born she could have been her mother or Grandmother. In 1841 she would have been 25. Probably married? These things are important because they show that people could read and write their own names and where they lived and understood the date all Sunday school taught things.She lived at Cark in Cartmel between Barrow and Grange over sands. . When Jean asked about the little girl who made it all she was told was it was made by a relative. An infuriating answer to any inquiring child of what ever age.

Census Preston 1861 Shows Jane Heaps as a small girl living with Sarah her mother her farther John and her sibling Ellen and a lodger Ellen Brockbank. Question is Ellen Brockbank our Sampler maker search on 1851 census for Janes Mum Sarah as Sarah Brockbank.

Isabell Hine Polly Heaps Margaret Heaps Jane Heaps Irvin

According to Jeans letter.
Jane had Three, siblings
Margaret, Polly. And John
This almost provides me with what in IT we called a check sum. A means of checking the validity of the data available.

My great uncle Tom had been to Ireland to try to find some more about the family with his son Tom, but had run into a brick wall, The records had been destroyed in the troubles

From this I was able to Identify the record on the 1891 census that fitted with the known facts eg Tommy Jane John and Margaret. Yes we knew that John had siblings Tom and Bess and that Jane had also raised Maggs. Jane also Fostered My Mum for a year when she was 4 to 5 her mother was having a difficult pregnancy and the most compliant child was sent to be fostered by Jane this would have not been long after Tommy died. I do not know what the arrangement was work was plentiful 1922-3. I do know that it left mum with a very deep affection for Her Gran Jane and Two big sisters Bess and Maggs.

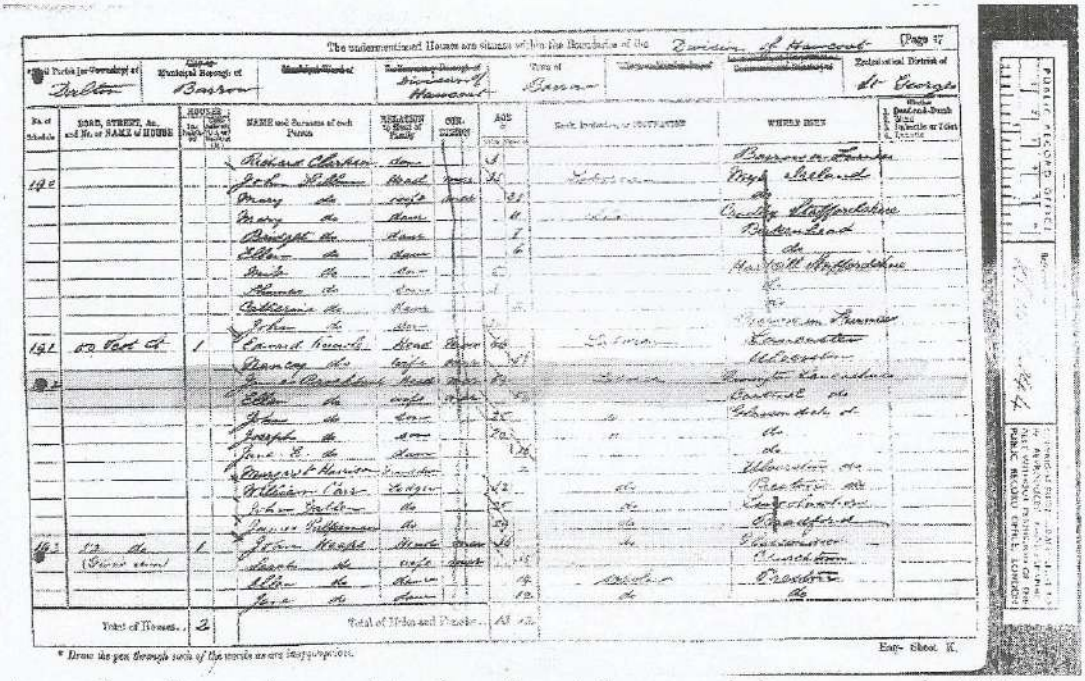
Margaret was Janes first child and had been burned to death in an accident when in service At age 21at Ford Park Ulverstone. Her long Skirt caught in the fire under the wash boiler in the kitchen.

So we had identified that they were living in Vernon St in 1891 With two borders Charlie Tommies brother and a girl in service Isabel Hine who was 17. Maggi was 7 John 1 the record implied that Jane was 37 and Tommy the same age with Charlie being 34. This rings true for Tommy and Charlie but not for Jane to have a first child at 30 in the 1880s is not what you expect to see.

With two men working and a lodger Isabel they are secure but not wealthy. The men are listed as Rolled iron Labourers heavy dangerous work.

I now needed to find Tommy and Jane's marriage date. By luck I found A Thomas Irvin born Ireland and a Jane Heaps born Preston got married 4th Quarter 1880. To be clever I ran a census search on Jane Heaps on the 1871 census and up pops all Jane's Known siblings Ellen born 1857 Jane born 1859, Margaret born 1865. Mary (Polly) born 1867 no John was he the baby of the family?. This looks like a good hit it also Identifies that Jane was born in Preston in 1859 not 1854.So in 1891 she was 32 not 34 or older. The records clerk must have been struggling with Tommy Janes Mags or Isabels (I suspect Mags)writing. Her Mum and Dad were also born in Preston. Mum is Sarah Dad is John they were both born on and about 1836 so are not registered on the BDM index as this did not start till 1837 But their marriage would have been. As it would have been about 1856-7.

The 1871 census showing Sara and John living next door to Ellen and James? With Ellen Jr and Jane listed as scholars. Question why couldn't Jane read and write.



A search on the marriage register show them to have married very young in 1855. A search on John Heaps born Preston 1836 on the 1861 census brings up John and Sarah with Ellen and Jane living in Preston with several borders Ellinor Brockbank born Cark in Cartmel in 1816 with several children. This is getting interesting is Ellinor Sarahs Mum? Is Ellinor (Ellen) our little girl who made the sampler ?. The spellings are all over the place I may be bad at spelling but some of the clerks who wrote these records are worse.

How can we prove any of this Search for Sarah Brockbank on the 1851 census. Up she pops. With her siblings Margaret born 1844, Joseph born 1942, John born 1846 James born 1840 and her mum Ellinor born Cark Lanc's 1816 also her Dad James born 1813 Pennington Lanc's Yes Ellen is Sarahs Mum and yes she is the little girl who made the sampler. However Irvine who lives locally has investigated through local Libaries and has proved the link from church records. Though it would be